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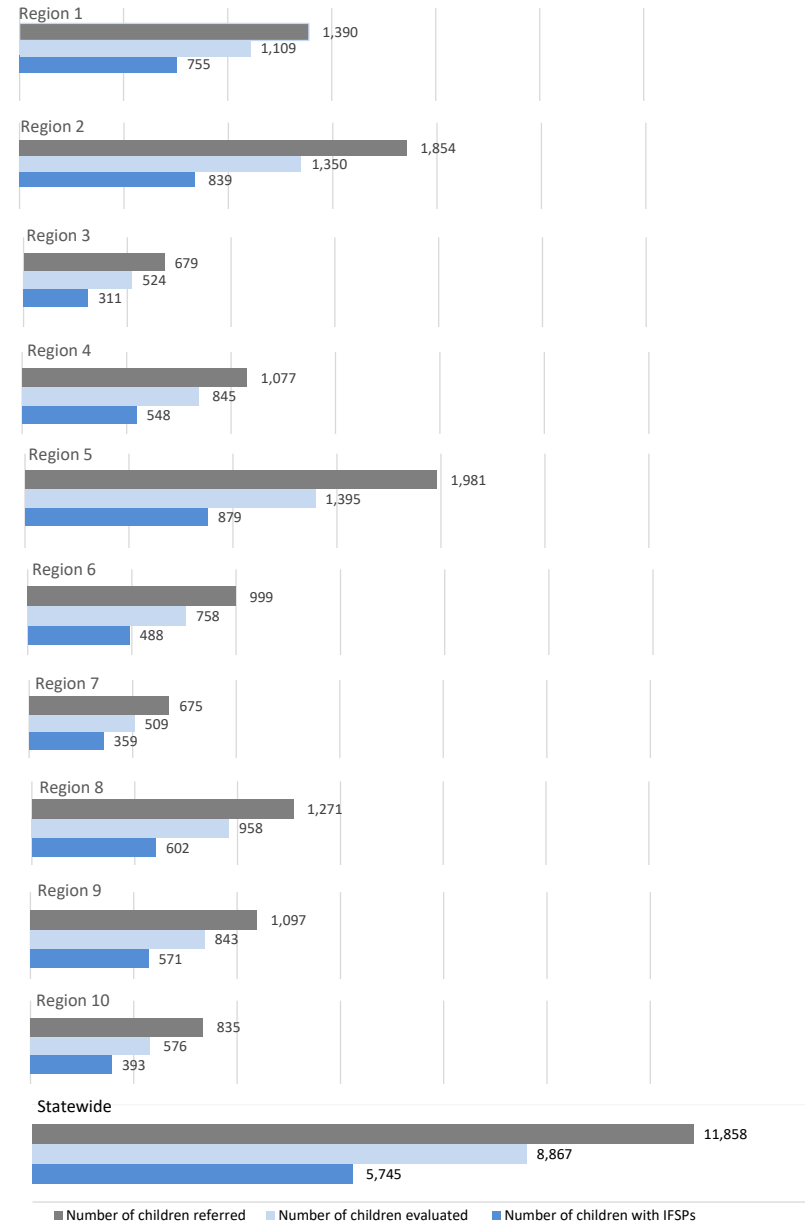
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Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Number of Children Evaluated, and IFSP Unduplicated Referrals During Last 12 months (May 2024 to April 2025)

SPOE	Category	Number/Rate
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)	Number of children referred	1,390
	Number of children evaluated	1,109
	Number of children with IFSPs	755
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	68.1%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)	Number of children referred	1,854
	Number of children evaluated	1,350
	Number of children with IFSPs	839
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.1%
Northeast (Reg. 3)	Number of children referred	679
	Number of children evaluated	524
	Number of children with IFSPs	311
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	59.4%
Northwest (Reg. 4)	Number of children referred	1,077
	Number of children evaluated	845
	Number of children with IFSPs	548
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.9%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)	Number of children referred	1,981
	Number of children evaluated	1,395
	Number of children with IFSPs	879
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	63.0%
Central (Reg. 6)	Number of children referred	999
	Number of children evaluated	758
	Number of children with IFSPs	488
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.4%
Southwest (Reg. 7)	Number of children referred	675
	Number of children evaluated	509
	Number of children with IFSPs	359
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	70.5%
South Central (Reg. 8)	Number of children referred	1,271
	Number of children evaluated	958
	Number of children with IFSPs	602
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.8%
East Central (Reg. 9)	Number of children referred	1,097
	Number of children evaluated	843
	Number of children with IFSPs	571
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	67.7%
Southeast (Reg. 10)	Number of children referred	835
	Number of children evaluated	576
	Number of children with IFSPs	393
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	68.2%
Statewide	Number of children referred	11,858
	Number of children evaluated	8,867
	Number of children with IFSPs	5,745
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.8%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

Comparison of Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Children Evaluated, and Children with IFSPs by SPOE and Statewide



Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

Referrals Include Multiple Referrals Per Child

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	816	59	171	716
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	339	13	76	419
IFSP Rate	41.5%	22.0%	44.4%	58.5%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,177	94	164	1,005
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	405	24	48	468
IFSP Rate	34.4%	25.5%	29.3%	46.6%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	549	43	94	165
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	222	14	33	80
IFSP Rate	40.4%	32.6%	35.1%	48.5%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	634	59	113	501
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	264	10	51	267
IFSP Rate	41.6%	16.9%	45.1%	53.3%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,258	180	212	817
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	444	34	90	403
IFSP Rate	35.3%	18.9%	42.5%	49.3%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	883	77	133	250
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	335	25	58	137
IFSP Rate	37.9%	32.5%	43.6%	54.8%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	430	58	119	230
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	178	20	59	145
IFSP Rate	41.4%	34.5%	49.6%	63.0%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	763	185	252	409
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	316	42	102	214
IFSP Rate	41.4%	22.7%	40.5%	52.3%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	687	125	150	453
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	291	26	86	248
IFSP Rate	42.4%	20.8%	57.3%	54.7%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	621	89	1,519	243
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	255	13	647	136
IFSP Rate	41.1%	14.6%	42.6%	56.0%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,818	969	1,519	4,789
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,049	221	647	2,517
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	39.0%	22.8%	42.6%	52.6%
% by Source - Statewide	51.8%	6.4%	10.1%	31.7%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	648	141	274	122	1,185
	Percent	54.7%	11.9%	24.5%	10.3%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	864	151	261	197	1,473
	Percent	58.7%	10.3%	20.6%	13.4%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	340	20	127	60	547
	Percent	62.2%	3.7%	31.9%	11.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	543	39	136	49	767
	Percent	70.8%	5.1%	19.2%	6.4%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	934	20	259	144	1,357
	Percent	68.8%	1.5%	22.0%	10.6%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	544	27	186	100	857
	Percent	63.5%	3.2%	26.4%	11.7%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	393	34	85	38	550
	Percent	71.5%	6.2%	18.0%	6.9%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	580	95	183	56	914
	Percent	63.5%	10.4%	19.0%	6.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	602	39	208	96	945
	Percent	63.7%	4.1%	24.1%	10.2%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	440	16	129	61	646
	Percent	68.1%	2.5%	21.3%	9.4%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,888	582	1,848	923	9,241
	Percent	63.7%	6.3%	20.0%	10.0%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	995	165	1,160	9	1,169
	Percent	85.1%	14.1%	99.2%	0.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,275	178	1,453	6	1,459
	Percent	87.4%	12.2%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	494	48	542	0	542
	Percent	91.1%	8.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	697	60	757	0	757
	Percent	92.1%	7.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,237	89	1,326	1	1,327
	Percent	93.2%	6.7%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	770	81	851	1	852
	Percent	90.4%	9.5%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	480	67	547	0	547
	Percent	87.8%	12.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	758	148	906	0	906
	Percent	83.7%	16.3%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	869	63	932	3	935
	Percent	92.9%	6.7%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	566	76	642	1	643
	Percent	88.0%	11.8%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	8,141	975	9,116	21	9,137
	Percent	89.1%	10.7%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	5.28%	4.73%	4.76%	3.85%	4.06%	4.69%	4.31%	3.98%	4.91%	4.47%	4.48%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.99%	3.65%	3.92%	3.16%	2.88%	3.10%	1.91%	5.82%	4.19%	4.72%	3.70%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.86%	5.25%	5.35%	4.32%	4.19%	6.77%	5.41%	4.00%	5.84%	5.37%	5.11%
White											
% of Pop.	4.94%	4.48%	4.72%	3.79%	4.20%	4.37%	4.15%	3.96%	4.83%	4.30%	4.35%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	21.43%	2.54%	0.00%	1.22%	0.28%	0.00%	1.42%	3.08%	5.77%	3.45%	2.16%

*Census data (2023 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	109	128	22	105	247	70	93	92	57	36	959
Under 3 Pop.	1,478	1,738	489	1,933	5,335	1,263	1,803	1,571	940	724	17,274
% of Pop.	7.37%	7.36%	4.50%	5.43%	4.63%	5.54%	5.16%	5.86%	6.06%	4.97%	5.55%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,076	1,345	525	662	1,110	787	457	822	888	610	8,282
Under 3 Pop.	20,976	29,390	11,014	18,013	28,073	17,004	10,957	21,400	18,306	13,731	188,864
% of Pop.	5.13%	4.58%	4.77%	3.68%	3.95%	4.63%	4.17%	3.84%	4.85%	4.44%	4.39%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.5%	2.8%	4.2%	14.4%	3.3%	16.1%	7.7%	45.2%	5.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.3%	2.7%	2.3%	10.7%	3.6%	12.8%	5.5%	53.8%	8.4%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.5%	0.0%	3.6%	13.7%	5.5%	12.9%	7.1%	54.8%	1.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.3%	2.1%	2.7%	21.6%	2.7%	8.3%	6.1%	52.7%	3.5%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.2%	1.3%	5.4%	16.9%	1.5%	8.5%	6.9%	54.4%	5.0%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.5%	0.5%	3.9%	17.6%	2.5%	13.3%	10.0%	47.3%	4.4%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.2%	14.4%	3.9%	13.6%	2.4%	7.3%	9.0%	45.3%	3.9%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.4%	0.6%	2.8%	21.5%	4.0%	11.2%	9.6%	44.5%	5.4%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.3%	1.2%	5.5%	14.9%	1.0%	14.6%	9.5%	49.1%	4.0%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.6%	1.2%	3.3%	19.8%	2.2%	15.5%	11.2%	40.5%	5.7%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.4%	2.3%	3.8%	16.1%	2.8%	12.2%	7.9%	49.3%	5.2%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.